

Special Investigation

Incident Number S071221MO1002

Date Investigation was initiated:
July 12, 2021

Customer:

Ronnie Veale
3176 State Highway NN
Advance, MO 63730

Dealer:

Southern FS Whitewater
Mike Barnhart, Location Manager
8759 State Highway A
Whitewater, MO 63785

Introduction:

On July 06, 2021 I initiated follow-up ag investigation of a complaint incident number 070621MO1001 filed with the Missouri Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Pesticide Control by Ronnie Veale. This investigation was referred to me by Kory Hubbard, MDA Bureau of Pesticide Control, Enforcement Program Coordinator.

Inspection:

Ronnie Veale

On July 6, 2021 I met with Mr. Veale at his residence at 3176 State Highway NN, Advance, MO. During the course of this investigation, I discovered that Mr. Veale had purchased chemical from Southern FS Whitewater and that according to Mr. Veale the chemical was supplied to him in jugs with labels attached, the labels did not match the chemical Mr. Veale had purchased. I consulted with Dawn Wall, Pesticide Program Administrator and on July 12, 2021 Mrs. Wall and I initiated a special investigation S071221MO1002.

On July 12, 2021 Mrs. Wall and I met with Mr. Veale at his residence at 3176 State Highway NN, Advance, MO. The jugs, labels, and contents of the jugs were photo documented. Samples of the product remaining in two of the jugs was collected. Mr. Veale stated that he bought 15 gallons of Liberty and 15 gallons of Roundup from Southern FS Whitewater. The labels on the jugs the chemical came in was Targa, Medal II EC and FS Intention. The Targa label and the Medal II EC labels stated "Non-refillable container ...Do not reuse or refill".

On July 13, 2021 Mrs. Wall and I went to Southern FS Whitewater where we spoke to Mr. Mike Barnhart, Location Manager. Mr. Barnhart stated that even though he did not like to, he has

sold pesticides in smaller quantities to frequent customers such as Ronnie Veale. Mr. Barnhart stated this is done by metering out from the bulk tank. Mr. Barnhart stated that we rinse our empty 2.5 gallon pesticide containers and leave them next to the trash can to be hauled away. Mr. Barnhart stated that If necessary, they grab an empty pesticide container by the trash can and fill it with the requested pesticide. The empty containers may contain existing pesticide labels that do not coincide with the pesticide inside the container.

Investigators Comments/Observations:

Numerous jugs were observed in the back of Mr. Veale old truck. Some contained other pesticide labels but did not have product remaining in them. Mr. Veale could not tell us what product he received in those containers.

Attachments:

Notice of Inspection/Investigation signed by Ronnie Veale
Notice of Inspection/Investigation signed by Mike Barnhart
Notice of Inspection/Investigation signed by Ronnie Veale
Notice of Inspection/Investigation signed by Mike Barnhart
Receipt for Samples signed by Ronnie Veale
Receipt for Samples signed by Mike Barnhart
Statement signed by Ronnie Veale
Statement signed by Mike Barnhart
Documentary Samples
History of Official sample
Image description sheet
Image CD and COC

Respectfully Submitted,



Cassie Driskill
Pesticide Use Investigator
MO Department of Agriculture
Plant Industries Division
Bureau of Pesticide Control
July 19, 2021